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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR ALANSON NOBLE, DIV. A, CASCO, MAY 9:

WARDEN GEORGE BRIGGS, NAPLES: ON APRIL 23, WE FINISHED UP THE LARGEST AND EARLIEST SMELT RUN ON THE SONGO AND CROOKED RIVERS. AT THE PEAK OF THE RUN THERE WAS A SCHOOL OF SMELTS 5 MILES IN LENGTH AND THEY WENT UP THE RIVER APPROXIMATELY 15 MILES. THE BROOKS AT NORTH AND EAST SEBAGO HAD SMELTS IN THEM, THE FIRST FOR A LONG TIME.

THE SALMON FISHING WAS EXCELLENT AT SEBAGO LAKE UNTIL THE HEAVY RAIN CAME. THEN IT HIT A SLUMP.

WARDEN ERVIN LORD, NORTH LOVELL: THE SMELT RUN IS OVER IN THIS DISTRICT WITH VERY GOOD RUNS IN THE CLOSED BROOKS. WITH THE HEAVY RAINS OF LAST WEEK A LOT OF EGGS ARE GONE OR COVERED WITH SILT.

WARDEN CHARLES COCHRAN, LIMERICK: BROOK FISHING VERY SLOW. BEAVER COMPLAINTS AS USUAL. WOODCHUCK HUNTERS VERY ACTIVE. WITH ALL KINDS OF RIFLES FROM A 22 CAL. UP. SEEMS TO BE A GROWING SPORT AROUND HERE. ESPECIALLY WITH THE HANDLOADING PEOPLE.

FROM SUPERVISOR NOBLE, MAY 14:

WARDEN MURRAY GILPATRICK, KEZAR FALLS: WHILE CHECKING FISHERMEN ON BREAK-NECK BROOK IN BALDWIN, I FOUND TWO NINE-YEAR OLD BOYS WITH A TROUT ON A STRINGER. I ASKED THEM HOW LONG THE FISH WAS. ONE LITTLE BOY ANSWERED WITHOUT ANY HESITATION, "I CAUGHT THIS TROUT TWO HOURS AGO AND THE FISH HAS SHRUNK ONE INCH." THIS IS THE YOUNGEST FISHERMAN THAT I HAVE CHECKED THAT HAD THE ANSWERS OF THE OLDER FISHERMEN.

WARDEN VERNON WALKER, SPRINGVALE: RECENTLY I CAME UPON A FEMALE PORCUPINE WHO HAD JUST GIVEN BIRTH TO A LONE OFFSPRING. THE BABY PORKY, WHICH INCIDENTALLY ARE BORN WITH THEIR EYES OPEN, HAD TINY QUILLS ABOUT A HALF-INCH LONG, WAS ABLE TO CRAWL ABOUT AND WAS CONCERNED WITH JUST ONE THING-LUNCH.

BIRD HUNTING SHOULD BE EXCELLENT THIS FALL IF THE PARTRIDGE POPULATION CONTINUES THE WAY IT WAS THIS WINTER. THE PRICE OF APPLES, HOWEVER, MAY GO UP. THE FOREMAN OF ROMAC ORCHARDS STATED THAT ONE OF THEIR YOUNG ORCHARDS SET OUT IN THE LEBANON AREA, HAS APPROXIMATELY A 90% BUD LOSS CAUSED BY PARTRIDGE THIS WINTER.

FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR CHARLES ALLEN, DIV. F, BANGOR, MAY 14:

THE SMELT RUNS IN THIS DIVISION ARE OVER AND ON THE WHOLE WERE THE BEST IN SEVERAL YEARS. WARDEN NORMAN GILBERT SAID THE RUN AT MAINSTREAM IN HARMONY WAS THE HEAVIEST HE HAS EVER SEEN.

FISHING OVER MOST OF THE DIVISION IS VERY GOOD. BROOKS AND STREAMS ARE LOW AND PRODUCING VERY GOOD TROUT FISHING. IN SOME PLACES, SOME PEOPLE ARE MORE

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FINDING IT TOO GOOD.

DOGS ARE STILL GIVING TROUBLE, AND BEAVER ARE GETTING QUITE ACTIVE. DEER ARE SHOWING UP WELL IN JUST ABOUT EVERY GREEN FIELD IN THE DIVISION. NIGHT HUNTERS ALSO ACTIVE. WARDENS BRYAN BUCHANAN AND JOHN LEATHERS CONVICTED THE FIRST FOUR OF THE YEAR APRIL 16. THE REMAINS OF TWO DEER FOUND LAST WEEK SHOWED SOMEONE HAD TAKEN EVERYTHING BUT THE HEADS, HIDES, AND INNARDS.

FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR VIRGIL GRANT, DIV. H. HOULTON, MAY 8:

WARDEN INSPECTOR LEONARD RITCHIE, PRESQUE ISLE: CHECKED A 10 3/4 POUND LANDLOCK SALMON AT PRESQUE ISLE MAY 5. THIS FISH WAS TAKEN FROM SQUARE LAKE THOROUGHFARE BY ROBERT BEAULIER OF PRESQUE ISLE ON A SUPER DUPER. ALL THE LAKES IN THE DIVISION ARE OPEN NOW. FISH COMING SLOW BUT PICKING UP WITH THE CONTINUING WARM WEATHER.

WARDEN MAURICE GORDON, MASARDIS: RECEIVED A REPORT THIS WEEK FROM AN EMPLOYEE OF THE BANGOR AND AROOSTOOK RAILROAD THAT HE HAD SEEN THREE CARIBOU IN TOWNSHIP 7, RANGE 5 ON ROUTE #11. THE THREE ANIMALS WERE OF VARIOUS SIZES AND HE THOUGH THEY WERE A STAG, COW, AND YEAR-OLD CALF. I CHECKED THE REPORT OUT AND FOUND TRACKS IN THE AREA TO BACK UP THE REPORT.

HAD A LARGE COW MOOSE KILLED BY A CAR CARRYING TWO QUEBEC PEOPLE THE NIGHT OF MAY 3RD. THE CAR LEFT THE ROAD AFTER CARRYING THE MOOSE MORE THAN 100 FEET. THE CAR WAS A TOTAL LOSS, AND THE TWO OCCUPANTS WERE TREATED FOR HEAD INJURIES.

WARDEN ROBERT TRIBOU, PORTAGE POND: FISHING SEASON IS OFF ONCE AGAIN IN THIS DISTRICT, WITH PRETTY GOOD ACTION EVERYWHERE. WATER IN THE BROOKS IS RECEDING TO NEAR NORMAL LEVELS.

FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR CURTIS COOPER, DIV. 1, STOCKHOLM, MAY 14:

THE FISHING HAS BEEN VERY GOOD THIS SPRING, WITH SEVERAL LIMIT CATCHES MADE. AN EIGHT POUND SALMON WAS TAKEN MAY 5 AT SQUARE LAKE. THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL BROOK TROUT TAKEN IN THE SMALL PONDS AND LAKES THIS SPRING. ONE TAKEN AT CROSS LAKE BY MRS. ROGER PARADIS OF T.17, R.5, WEIGHTED MORE THAN FOUR POUNDS. SEVERAL SALMON HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN THE THREE TO FIVE POUND CLASS. ALLEN MARTIN OF T.17, R.5, HAS TAKEN TWO THAT HAVE EXCEEDED FIVE POUNDS.

GROUSE ARE SHOWING UP BETTER THAN I EXPECTED THIS SPRING, AND IT LOOKS LIKE A GOOD NESTING SEASON SO FAR.

WARDEN BILL PIDGEON, CLAYTON LAKE: I HAVE OBSERVED SEVERAL LARGE FLOCKS OF GEESE THIS SPRING. THE ICE LEFT CLAYTON LAKE, T.11, R.14, APRIL 23 THIS YEAR. ACCORDING TO LOCAL RESIDENTS, THIS IS THE EARLIEST THEY HAVE RECORDS OF. IN 1951-54-58, THE ICE CLEARED AT CLAYTON LAKE APRIL 24.

DUCKS ARE SHOWING UP VERY WELL THIS SPRING AND ARE BEING OBSERVED IN MOST BEAVER FLOWAGES AND SMALL PUDDLES. DEER ARE SHOWING UP VERY WELL. I OBSERVED 14 BETWEEN CLAYTON LAKE AND DAAQUAM. A PAIR OF BLACK DUCKS HAVE TAKEN UP RESIDENCE ON CARL HOLDEN'S FRONT LAWN A HUNDRED YARDS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL PAPER CO. DEPOT AT CLAYTON LAKE. ON MY FIRST TRIP TO UMSASKIS WARDEN CAMP THIS SPRING, I FOUND WHERE SOME SO-CALLED SPORTSMEN HAD PRACTICALLY BUILT A FIRE ON THE CAMP PORCH. I BELIEVE THIS IS A SORRY EXAMPLE OF SOME OF

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THE PEOPLE NOW ENTERING THE ALLAGASH COUNTRY. THIS MESS WAS LEFT BY SNOW SLEDDERS FROM TRACKS WHICH I OBSERVED.

WARDEN ROLAND PELLETIER, ALLAGASH: GOOD TROUT FISHING AT FALL BROOK LAKE. I CHECKED 30 FISHERMEN MAY 11 WITH 192 BROOK TROUT. THE WEEK BEFORE WAS MUCH BETTER.

FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR WALLACE BARRON, DIV. J, BINGHAM, MAY 7:

FISHING GOT OFF TO ONE OF THE EARLIEST STARTS IN RECENT YEARS. TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, ALL WATERS IN THIS DIVISION WERE CLEAR OF ICE MAY 1. THE WATER IS HIGH BUT CLEAR IN MOST WATERS. BROOK FISHERMEN HAVE BEEN OUT IN LARGE NUMBERS BUT VERY FEW FISH BEING TAKEN. HIGH WINDS HAVE HAMPERED THE LAKE FISHERMEN. SALMON FISHING IN MOOSE RIVER, BRASSUA DAM TO ROCKWOOD HAS BEEN VERY GOOD.

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